

TABLE B-39.—*Civilian labor force participation rate and employment/population ratio, 1955–2002*  
 [Percent;<sup>1</sup> monthly data seasonally adjusted]

| Year or month  | Labor force participation rate |       |         |                        |       |                 | Employment/population ratio |                      |       |         |                        |       |                 |       |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
|                | All civilian workers           | Males | Females | Both sexes 16-19 years | White | Black and other | Black                       | All civilian workers | Males | Females | Both sexes 16-19 years | White | Black and other | Black |
| 1955 .....     | 59.3                           | 85.4  | 35.7    | 48.9                   | 58.7  | 64.2            | .....                       | 56.7                 | 81.8  | 34.0    | 43.5                   | 56.5  | 58.7            | ..... |
| 1956 .....     | 60.0                           | 85.5  | 36.9    | 50.9                   | 59.4  | 64.9            | .....                       | 57.5                 | 82.3  | 35.1    | 45.3                   | 57.3  | 59.5            | ..... |
| 1957 .....     | 59.6                           | 84.8  | 36.9    | 49.6                   | 59.1  | 64.4            | .....                       | 57.1                 | 81.3  | 35.1    | 43.9                   | 56.8  | 59.3            | ..... |
| 1958 .....     | 59.5                           | 84.2  | 37.1    | 47.4                   | 58.9  | 64.8            | .....                       | 55.4                 | 78.5  | 34.5    | 39.9                   | 55.3  | 56.7            | ..... |
| 1959 .....     | 59.3                           | 83.7  | 37.1    | 46.7                   | 58.7  | 64.3            | .....                       | 56.0                 | 79.3  | 35.0    | 39.9                   | 55.9  | 57.5            | ..... |
| 1960 .....     | 59.4                           | 83.3  | 37.7    | 47.5                   | 58.8  | 64.5            | .....                       | 56.1                 | 78.9  | 35.5    | 40.5                   | 55.9  | 57.9            | ..... |
| 1961 .....     | 59.3                           | 82.9  | 38.1    | 46.9                   | 58.8  | 64.1            | .....                       | 55.4                 | 77.6  | 35.4    | 39.1                   | 55.3  | 56.2            | ..... |
| 1962 .....     | 58.8                           | 82.0  | 37.9    | 46.1                   | 58.3  | 63.2            | .....                       | 55.5                 | 77.7  | 35.6    | 39.4                   | 55.4  | 56.3            | ..... |
| 1963 .....     | 58.7                           | 81.4  | 38.3    | 45.2                   | 58.2  | 63.0            | .....                       | 55.4                 | 77.1  | 35.8    | 37.4                   | 55.3  | 56.2            | ..... |
| 1964 .....     | 58.7                           | 81.0  | 38.7    | 44.5                   | 58.2  | 63.1            | .....                       | 55.7                 | 77.3  | 36.3    | 37.3                   | 55.5  | 57.0            | ..... |
| 1965 .....     | 58.9                           | 80.7  | 39.3    | 45.7                   | 58.4  | 62.9            | .....                       | 56.2                 | 77.5  | 37.1    | 38.9                   | 56.0  | 57.8            | ..... |
| 1966 .....     | 59.2                           | 80.4  | 40.3    | 48.2                   | 58.7  | 63.0            | .....                       | 56.9                 | 77.9  | 38.3    | 42.1                   | 56.8  | 58.4            | ..... |
| 1967 .....     | 59.6                           | 80.4  | 41.1    | 48.4                   | 59.2  | 62.8            | .....                       | 57.3                 | 78.0  | 39.0    | 42.2                   | 57.2  | 58.2            | ..... |
| 1968 .....     | 59.6                           | 80.1  | 41.6    | 48.3                   | 59.3  | 62.2            | .....                       | 57.5                 | 77.8  | 39.6    | 42.2                   | 57.4  | 58.0            | ..... |
| 1969 .....     | 60.1                           | 79.8  | 42.7    | 49.4                   | 59.9  | 62.1            | .....                       | 58.0                 | 77.6  | 40.7    | 43.4                   | 58.0  | 58.1            | ..... |
| 1970 .....     | 60.4                           | 79.7  | 43.3    | 49.9                   | 60.2  | 61.8            | .....                       | 57.4                 | 76.2  | 40.8    | 42.3                   | 57.5  | 56.8            | ..... |
| 1971 .....     | 60.2                           | 79.1  | 43.4    | 49.7                   | 60.1  | 60.9            | .....                       | 56.6                 | 74.9  | 40.4    | 41.3                   | 56.8  | 54.9            | ..... |
| 1972 .....     | 60.4                           | 78.9  | 43.9    | 51.9                   | 60.4  | 60.2            | 59.9                        | 57.0                 | 75.0  | 41.0    | 43.5                   | 57.4  | 54.1            | 53.7  |
| 1973 .....     | 60.8                           | 78.8  | 44.7    | 53.7                   | 60.8  | 60.5            | 60.2                        | 57.8                 | 75.5  | 42.0    | 45.9                   | 58.2  | 55.0            | 54.5  |
| 1974 .....     | 61.3                           | 78.7  | 45.7    | 54.8                   | 61.4  | 60.3            | 59.8                        | 57.8                 | 74.9  | 42.6    | 46.0                   | 58.3  | 54.3            | 53.5  |
| 1975 .....     | 61.2                           | 77.9  | 46.3    | 54.0                   | 61.5  | 59.6            | 58.8                        | 56.1                 | 71.7  | 42.0    | 43.3                   | 56.7  | 51.4            | 50.1  |
| 1976 .....     | 61.6                           | 77.5  | 47.3    | 54.5                   | 61.8  | 59.8            | 59.0                        | 56.8                 | 72.0  | 43.2    | 44.2                   | 57.5  | 52.0            | 50.8  |
| 1977 .....     | 62.3                           | 77.7  | 48.4    | 56.0                   | 62.5  | 60.4            | 59.8                        | 57.9                 | 72.8  | 44.5    | 46.1                   | 58.6  | 52.5            | 51.4  |
| 1978 .....     | 63.2                           | 77.9  | 50.0    | 57.8                   | 63.3  | 62.2            | 61.5                        | 59.3                 | 73.8  | 46.4    | 48.3                   | 60.0  | 54.7            | 53.6  |
| 1979 .....     | 63.7                           | 77.8  | 50.9    | 57.9                   | 63.9  | 62.2            | 61.4                        | 59.9                 | 73.8  | 47.5    | 48.5                   | 60.6  | 55.2            | 53.8  |
| 1980 .....     | 63.8                           | 77.4  | 51.5    | 56.7                   | 64.1  | 61.7            | 61.0                        | 59.2                 | 72.0  | 47.7    | 46.6                   | 60.0  | 53.6            | 52.3  |
| 1981 .....     | 63.9                           | 77.0  | 52.1    | 55.4                   | 64.3  | 61.3            | 60.8                        | 59.0                 | 71.3  | 48.0    | 44.6                   | 60.0  | 52.6            | 51.3  |
| 1982 .....     | 64.0                           | 76.6  | 52.6    | 54.1                   | 64.3  | 61.6            | 61.0                        | 57.8                 | 69.0  | 47.7    | 41.5                   | 58.8  | 50.9            | 49.4  |
| 1983 .....     | 64.0                           | 76.4  | 52.9    | 53.5                   | 64.3  | 62.1            | 61.5                        | 57.9                 | 68.8  | 48.0    | 41.5                   | 58.9  | 51.0            | 49.5  |
| 1984 .....     | 64.4                           | 76.4  | 53.6    | 53.9                   | 64.6  | 62.6            | 62.2                        | 59.5                 | 70.7  | 49.5    | 43.7                   | 60.5  | 53.6            | 52.3  |
| 1985 .....     | 64.8                           | 76.3  | 54.5    | 54.5                   | 65.0  | 63.3            | 62.9                        | 60.1                 | 70.9  | 50.4    | 44.4                   | 61.0  | 54.7            | 53.4  |
| 1986 .....     | 65.3                           | 76.3  | 55.3    | 54.7                   | 65.5  | 63.7            | 63.3                        | 60.7                 | 71.0  | 51.4    | 44.6                   | 61.5  | 55.4            | 54.1  |
| 1987 .....     | 65.6                           | 76.2  | 56.0    | 56.0                   | 65.8  | 64.3            | 63.8                        | 61.5                 | 71.5  | 52.5    | 45.5                   | 62.3  | 56.8            | 55.6  |
| 1988 .....     | 65.9                           | 76.2  | 56.6    | 55.3                   | 66.2  | 64.0            | 63.8                        | 62.3                 | 72.0  | 53.4    | 46.8                   | 63.1  | 57.4            | 56.3  |
| 1989 .....     | 66.5                           | 76.4  | 57.4    | 55.9                   | 66.7  | 64.7            | 64.2                        | 63.0                 | 72.5  | 54.3    | 47.5                   | 63.8  | 58.2            | 56.9  |
| 1990 .....     | 66.5                           | 76.4  | 57.5    | 53.7                   | 66.9  | 64.4            | 64.0                        | 62.8                 | 72.0  | 54.3    | 45.3                   | 63.7  | 57.9            | 56.7  |
| 1991 .....     | 66.2                           | 75.8  | 57.4    | 51.6                   | 66.6  | 63.8            | 63.3                        | 61.7                 | 70.4  | 53.7    | 42.0                   | 62.6  | 56.7            | 55.4  |
| 1992 .....     | 66.4                           | 75.8  | 57.8    | 51.3                   | 66.8  | 64.6            | 63.9                        | 61.5                 | 69.8  | 53.8    | 41.0                   | 62.4  | 56.4            | 54.9  |
| 1993 .....     | 66.3                           | 75.4  | 57.9    | 51.5                   | 66.8  | 63.8            | 63.2                        | 61.7                 | 70.0  | 54.1    | 41.7                   | 62.7  | 56.3            | 55.0  |
| 1994 .....     | 66.6                           | 75.1  | 58.8    | 52.7                   | 67.1  | 63.9            | 63.4                        | 62.5                 | 70.4  | 55.3    | 43.4                   | 63.5  | 57.2            | 56.1  |
| 1995 .....     | 66.6                           | 75.0  | 58.9    | 53.5                   | 67.1  | 64.3            | 63.7                        | 62.9                 | 70.8  | 55.6    | 44.2                   | 63.8  | 58.1            | 57.1  |
| 1996 .....     | 66.8                           | 74.9  | 59.3    | 52.3                   | 67.2  | 64.6            | 64.1                        | 63.2                 | 70.9  | 56.0    | 43.5                   | 64.1  | 58.6            | 57.4  |
| 1997 .....     | 67.1                           | 75.0  | 59.8    | 51.6                   | 67.5  | 65.2            | 64.7                        | 63.8                 | 71.3  | 56.8    | 43.4                   | 64.6  | 59.4            | 58.2  |
| 1998 .....     | 67.1                           | 74.9  | 59.8    | 52.8                   | 67.3  | 66.0            | 65.6                        | 64.1                 | 71.6  | 57.1    | 45.1                   | 64.7  | 60.9            | 59.7  |
| 1999 .....     | 67.1                           | 74.7  | 60.0    | 52.0                   | 67.3  | 65.9            | 65.8                        | 64.3                 | 71.6  | 57.4    | 44.7                   | 64.8  | 61.3            | 60.6  |
| 2000 .....     | 67.2                           | 74.7  | 60.2    | 52.2                   | 67.4  | 66.0            | 65.8                        | 64.5                 | 71.8  | 57.7    | 45.4                   | 65.1  | 61.6            | 60.8  |
| 2001 .....     | 66.9                           | 74.4  | 60.1    | 50.0                   | 67.2  | 65.8            | 65.4                        | 63.8                 | 70.8  | 57.3    | 42.7                   | 64.4  | 60.7            | 59.7  |
| 2002 .....     | 66.6                           | 73.9  | 59.9    | 47.6                   | 66.9  | 65.4            | 64.9                        | 62.7                 | 69.5  | 56.5    | 39.8                   | 63.5  | 59.3            | 58.2  |
| 2001:Jan ..... | 67.2                           | 74.7  | 60.3    | 51.7                   | 67.4  | 66.3            | 66.0                        | 64.4                 | 71.5  | 57.9    | 44.7                   | 65.0  | 61.7            | 60.6  |
| Feb .....      | 67.1                           | 74.4  | 60.3    | 50.9                   | 67.4  | 66.0            | 65.6                        | 64.3                 | 71.3  | 57.8    | 44.1                   | 64.9  | 61.6            | 60.6  |
| Mar .....      | 67.2                           | 74.4  | 60.5    | 51.1                   | 67.4  | 66.2            | 65.8                        | 64.3                 | 71.2  | 57.9    | 44.1                   | 64.9  | 61.4            | 60.3  |
| Apr .....      | 67.1                           | 74.5  | 60.1    | 50.4                   | 67.3  | 65.9            | 65.5                        | 64.1                 | 71.1  | 57.5    | 43.2                   | 64.6  | 61.2            | 60.1  |
| May .....      | 66.9                           | 74.3  | 60.0    | 49.3                   | 67.0  | 65.7            | 65.3                        | 63.9                 | 70.9  | 57.5    | 42.5                   | 64.4  | 61.1            | 60.0  |
| June .....     | 66.8                           | 74.2  | 60.0    | 50.2                   | 67.0  | 65.7            | 65.6                        | 63.8                 | 70.7  | 57.3    | 43.0                   | 64.4  | 60.9            | 60.0  |
| July .....     | 66.8                           | 74.2  | 60.0    | 49.8                   | 67.1  | 65.8            | 65.3                        | 63.8                 | 70.8  | 57.3    | 42.5                   | 64.3  | 61.0            | 60.0  |
| Aug .....      | 66.6                           | 74.1  | 59.8    | 47.7                   | 66.9  | 65.7            | 65.3                        | 63.4                 | 70.3  | 56.9    | 40.2                   | 64.0  | 60.4            | 59.4  |
| Sept .....     | 66.9                           | 74.4  | 60.0    | 49.7                   | 67.1  | 66.1            | 65.6                        | 63.6                 | 70.7  | 57.0    | 42.3                   | 64.2  | 60.7            | 59.8  |
| Oct .....      | 66.9                           | 74.4  | 60.0    | 49.8                   | 67.2  | 65.6            | 65.2                        | 63.3                 | 70.3  | 56.9    | 42.2                   | 64.0  | 60.0            | 59.0  |
| Nov .....      | 66.9                           | 74.3  | 60.0    | 49.4                   | 67.2  | 65.4            | 64.9                        | 63.1                 | 69.9  | 56.8    | 41.6                   | 63.8  | 59.6            | 58.5  |
| Dec .....      | 66.8                           | 74.2  | 60.0    | 48.2                   | 67.0  | 65.6            | 63.4                        | 63.0                 | 69.9  | 56.5    | 40.4                   | 63.6  | 59.6            | 58.7  |
| 2002:Jan ..... | 66.4                           | 73.6  | 59.6    | 47.8                   | 66.6  | 65.1            | 65.0                        | 62.6                 | 69.4  | 56.4    | 40.1                   | 63.3  | 59.4            | 58.6  |
| Feb .....      | 66.7                           | 73.8  | 60.1    | 47.8                   | 67.0  | 65.4            | 64.9                        | 63.0                 | 69.7  | 56.8    | 40.4                   | 63.7  | 59.6            | 58.6  |
| Mar .....      | 66.6                           | 73.8  | 59.8    | 48.9                   | 66.8  | 65.4            | 64.9                        | 62.8                 | 69.5  | 56.5    | 40.8                   | 63.5  | 59.2            | 57.9  |
| Apr .....      | 66.8                           | 74.0  | 60.1    | 47.7                   | 67.1  | 65.6            | 65.5                        | 62.8                 | 69.5  | 56.5    | 39.7                   | 63.5  | 59.1            | 58.2  |
| May .....      | 66.8                           | 74.4  | 59.8    | 47.7                   | 67.1  | 65.3            | 65.2                        | 62.9                 | 70.0  | 56.4    | 39.6                   | 63.6  | 59.3            | 58.6  |
| June .....     | 66.6                           | 74.1  | 59.7    | 47.6                   | 66.9  | 65.3            | 64.9                        | 62.7                 | 69.5  | 56.3    | 39.2                   | 63.4  | 59.1            | 58.0  |
| July .....     | 66.5                           | 73.9  | 59.7    | 47.1                   | 66.9  | 64.7            | 64.0                        | 62.6                 | 69.5  | 56.3    | 38.7                   | 63.4  | 58.9            | 57.7  |
| Aug .....      | 66.6                           | 73.8  | 59.8    | 47.1                   | 67.0  | 65.2            | 64.4                        | 62.8                 | 69.4  | 56.6    | 40.4                   | 63.6  | 59.4            | 58.2  |
| Sept .....     | 66.8                           | 74.1  | 60.0    | 48.6                   | 67.0  | 66.1            | 65.5                        | 63.0                 | 69.8  | 56.8    | 41.0                   | 63.6  | 60.5            | 59.2  |
| Oct .....      | 66.7                           | 73.9  | 60.0    | 47.7                   | 66.9  | 65.6            | 65.0                        | 62.9                 | 69.6  | 56.6    | 40.8                   | 63.5  | 59.8            | 58.6  |
| Nov .....      | 66.4                           | 73.7  | 59.7    | 47.3                   | 66.7  | 65.0            | 64.4                        | 62.5                 | 69.0  | 56.4    | 39.4                   | 63.3  | 58.7            | 57.3  |
| Dec .....      | 66.3                           | 73.3  | 59.8    | 46.3                   | 66.4  | 65.6            | 64.9                        | 62.3                 | 68.8  | 56.3    | 38.8                   | 63.0  | 58.9            | 57.4  |

<sup>1</sup> Civilian labor force or civilian employment as percent of civilian noninstitutional population in group specified.

Note.—Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.

See footnote 5 and Note, Table B-35.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.